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FDD Abstract of [REDACTED]

USE OF CONTRACT M 31 IN CONNECTION WITH PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS (12 pp; German;
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The document touches briefly and generally on certain deficiencies in the system which has been in effect for supplying industrial plants with the materials they need, and then explains in some detail how things are expected to change for the better under a new system utilizing a new type of contract, M 31. Theoretically, the new system will eliminate a certain amount of red tape, permitting the Trade Centers to conclude contracts directly with suppliers and with consumers, and, under some circumstances, also permitting direct contracts between producers and large-scale consumers.

The document explains in detail the techniques for handling various types of negotiations under the new contract arrangements, and also outlines modifications which will have to be made in the working operations of the Trade Centers to deal with the changed circumstances. It is a strictly bureaucratic document, and provides some insight into the administrative complexities of a planned economy. No factual information, such as actual quantities of materials or actual consumers, is contained in the document.

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